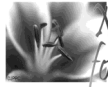


## *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*March 13, 2016*

*"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."*

*John 8:1-11*



### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

#### **March 12, Saturday, Lenten Weekday**

12:05 Monica Grzeczowski

5:15 Special Intention

#### **March 13, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish

9:30 Deceased Members of the League of the Sacred Heart

11:00 Filomena Berarducci

12:30 Vicente y Carlos

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

#### **March 14, Monday, Lenten Weekday**

7:15 Emma Russell

12:05 Enez Brady

#### **March 15, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**

7:15 Florence Smith

12:05 Angela Galipo

#### **March 16, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**

7:15 Stephen P. O'Hara

12:05 Joseph, Bernice, and Joey Bennick

#### **March 17, Thursday, Lenten Weekday**

7:15 John A. Galante

12:05 Nico Jon Dacayanan

#### **March 18, Friday, Lenten Weekday**

7:15 Robert Podolski

12:05 James Warrington

#### **March 19, Saturday, St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:05 Elizabeth Masi

5:15 Special Intention

#### **March 20, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:00 Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish

9:30 Quici, Galipo, and Greco Families

11:00 Elizabeth Masi

12:30 Maria Miranda

6:30 Pro Populo - For the People

Dear friends,

On Ash Wednesday, all of us were invited in a renewed way to "repent and believe in the Gospel." With those familiar words, the minister who imposed ashes on our foreheads reminded us of our own mortality and the need to constantly examine our consciences so as to accept the Lord's merciful invitation to be reconciled to His Father and our Father.

The days of our Lenten observances are quickly coming to their close. Each of us should be asking ourselves whether this lent has been effective. Perhaps we have taken on penances — some commitment to prayer, fasting or almsgiving — and perhaps we have been faithful to such things. Or, it may be more likely that we have struggled with our penances, forgetting about them or neglecting them from time to time. Maybe we've not yet done *anything* to enter, in an intentional way, into the spirit of this holy penitential season.

Well, friends, regardless of where we are at, there is good news! As long as we're breathing, there is still time to "repent and believe in the Gospel."

The mercy of God is so very generous indeed! He constantly places before us many and varied paths that lead us again to His loving embrace. However, He will never force us to accept His mercy. We must be willing. We must turn to Him. That is what repentance is all about. This is the meaning of conversion. Turning again to the Lord, we approach with all our wounds caused by the trauma of sin. It is only by showing all our wounds to the Divine Physician that He can give us the even-more-powerful medicine of His grace. Will you let Him?

Allow me to be more direct. For those of us among the baptized, the Lord has given the sure remedy for sin; we must humbly confess our sins to Christ the Priest in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. In this Sacrament of mercy, through the ministry of His priests, the Lord Himself absolves us of our sins, no matter how heinous, no matter how long it has been, no matter how ashamed we might be. He speaks to each of our hearts, "Do not be afraid!"

Friends, now is the time to turn to the Lord and receive the merciful forgiveness He longs to share with us. I pray that we will all take the time to prepare for Easter in this most excellent way.

May God, the Father of all mercies, bless us all!

-Fr. Ken Brabazon

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 20, 2016

### Confessions Schedule:

*In English and Spanish*

9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:30 PM in the Basilica

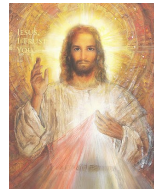
### Masses:

5:15 PM Anticipated Mass in the Basilica

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM Procession and  
Solemn Mass in the Basilica

12:30 PM in Spanish in the Cathedral Chapel and  
6:30 PM in the Basilica

*Blessed Palm will be distributed at all Masses*



## HOLY DOORS OF MERCY

The Holy Door in the Cathedral  
Basilica is Open

**Weekdays 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Saturdays 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM**

**Sundays 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

For information on the Holy Doors please see the web-  
site [cathedralphiladelphia.org/mercy/](http://cathedralphiladelphia.org/mercy/)

## Rice Bowl - Fifth Week of Lent

### HUNGERING TO GROW A NEW TOMORROW

This week's CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we're reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God's creation. As we prepare our meals throughout the week, let us reflect on where our food comes from—and what role we can play in caring for our environment. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



*The Sanctuary Lamp Candle burns  
this week in the Cathedral Basilica*

*For: Josephine C. Siravo*

*Request of: Rosemary Montgomery*



Donations are accepted for intentions for the Sanctuary Lamp in the Basilica and the Cathedral Chapel. This candle burns perpetually as a reminder that Jesus is truly and really present in the tabernacle. If you wish to make the suggested donation of fifteen dollars for an intention for a Sanctuary Lamp, you may contact the Parish Office directly or place your intention and offering in the collection basket.

## Readings for Mass for this Week in English and Spanish

Please see the website of the United States Conference  
of Catholic Bishops.

[www.migrate.usccb.org/bible/readings/021716.cfm](http://www.migrate.usccb.org/bible/readings/021716.cfm)

## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Financial Support of the Cathedral Parish is the duty of our parishioners. Here at the Cathedral Parish we are greatly supported as well by our many visitors.

*This sacrificial offering—which benefits all—is greatly appreciated.* Please consider an increase to your weekly offering. The operation and maintenance of the Cathedral Basilica and Parish is approximately 20,000 dollars a week.

The Offertory Collection for the 3/06/16 Sunday was \$7,592. Again, many thanks for your goodness and generosity!

The second collection at Mass next Sunday will be directed *to the poor and needy in the Cathedral Parish neighborhood.* Thank you so very much for all of your goodness and generosity to the Cathedral Parish in so many ways and to the *Appeal for Catholic Charities.*



## *Please remember these parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Parish in your prayers:*

Amberlyn Boland, Wendy Cornel, Michelle, Oscar Rodriguez, Enrique Rodriguez, Linda Watson, Randy Burbage, Rosa Maria Santos, Amy Fife, Theodore Barry, M.D., Marissa Kostrzewa, David Kaplan, Marilyn Mullen, Kathleen Aponik, April DeMatto, Paula Cohen, Janice Holshin, Lauri Mitchell, Maryann Healy, Darren Gardner, Barbara Elaine, Nicholas Tiziano, Christopher Browne, Darren Gardner, Laura Emerson, Regina Carberry, Patrisha Bollinger, Anna Marie Burgio, Jeanine Tingeter, Bobby Mitchell, Thomas Sabol, Doris Davison, Nancy Tomaszewski, Therese & Bob Black, Robert & Marguerite Grant, Andrés Castillo, Antoinette Gonnella, Bryon Hoch, Ryley June Nazario, Kim Whybrew, Josephina Bianco, Richard J. Mott, Charlotte McLaughlin, Sheila Kendall, Shahidah Kendall, Ralph Berarducci, Winifred McKeon, Teddy Beaver, Robert Honish, Molly Sujun, Nicole Carey, and those in nursing homes or hospitals and all the sick.

***Please call the Parish Office with the name of anyone who is sick, to be included in our prayer list.***

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## MIRA PRIMERO A TU PROPIO CORAZON

Algunas personas, cuando han pecado, especialmente si ha sido de forma grave, tienen miedo de que Dios las esté buscando para castigarlas, como un policía que tiene que aplicar la ley. Hoy aprenderemos de Jesús que Dios va más allá de la ley, porque perdona, y sigue perdonando. Ésta es la actitud que aprendemos de Dios. Mira a tu propio corazón y date cuenta de que necesitas perdón. Y así, repetidas veces. Entonces, perdonarás también fácilmente a otros. --- Pidámosle a Jesús esta actitud, incluso cuando todavía sentimos la herida infligida.

## EVENTOS

**Misa de la Herencia Cultural**, Sábado 19 de Marzo.  
Procesión - 1:30 p.m. Misa - 2:00 p.m.  
Catedral Basílica de San Pedro y San Pablo  
Celebrante principal: Arzobispo Charles J. Chaput.  
Auspiciado por La Oficina para el Cuidado Pastoral de Migrantes y Refugiados 215-587-3540

## “VEN Y VERAS”

Viernes Abril 15 al Domingo 17 del 2016  
Se ofrecerá un **fin de semana para hombres hispanos** cursando secundaria y para mayores de edad. Es una oportunidad para experimentar la vida en el seminario San Carlos Borromeo y para aprender a discernir una vocación.

Comenzará a las 7PM el viernes con una comida y una charla para los jóvenes y sus padres sobre el sacerdocio diocesano; luego los padres se regresan a sus casas y los jóvenes se quedan hasta las 12:00 PM del Domingo.

**Es necesario registrarse previamente para este evento llamando al Padre Viviano al 215-743-2600 antes del 8 de Abril.**

Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood  
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary  
100 Wynnewood Road  
Wynnewood, PA 19096  
610-667-5778 7-9pm

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PARISH

**Mar. 14** Young Adult Game Night, Neumann Room, 6:30 PM

**Mar. 15** Practice for Cultural Heritage Mass for Servers and Lectors, Basilica, 7:00 PM

**Mar. 15** Augustine's Brothers - Prayer and Support Group for Men, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

**Mar. 16** Charismatic Prayer Group, Neumann Room, 6:00 PM

**Mar. 16** Rehearsal for Heritage Mass, Basilica, 6:30 PM

**Mar. 17** Catechetical Session, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

**Mar. 17** Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 7:30 PM

**Mar. 18** Stations of the Cross after the 12:05 PM Mass and 7:00 in Spanish, Chapel

**Mar. 18** Cathedral Young Adults Social Gathering with reflection on Sacred Scripture, Neumann Room, 7:00 PM

**Mar. 19** Cultural Heritage Mass, Basilica, Chapel, and Neumann Room, 1:30 PM

**Mar. 19** Choir rehearsal, Chapel Hall, 4:00 PM

**Mar. 19** Dismissal of Catechumens, Neumann Room, 5:15 PM

## BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Christian life and to all the other Sacraments. As such, preparation of the parents and for the Baptism itself deserve very special attention. The celebration of Baptism at the Cathedral Parish takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass. Everyone is welcome. The celebration will be carried out with liturgical music and with a great sense of hospitality.

A *Baptism Preparation Session* takes place on the third Sunday of each month in anticipation of the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents in the Cathedral Parish are obligated to participate. The session is open to all of our neighbor parishes and to godparents as well. Parents are encouraged to participate during pregnancy, if at all possible. Please call the Parish Office - 215-561-1313 - to register for the Baptism Preparation Session. **The next Baptism Preparation Class will be Sunday March 20 following the 11 AM Mass.**

**CATECHETICAL SESSION FOR ADULTS  
THIS WEEK**

*The Lord's Prayer & The Nicene Creed*

**March 17, 7:00 PM**  
**Meeting in the Newman Room**

The weekly catechetical session is primarily for the adults among us who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. However, anyone interested in the topic for better understanding and faith formation is most welcome to attend. Anyone seeking more information on the reception of the Sacraments or assisting as a sponsor, please call the Parish Office.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
*April 10, 2016*

**Dedication of the**  
*Mary Garden*  
**behind the Cathedral**  
**Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**

**A procession and ceremony of  
dedication will immediately  
follow the 9:30 AM Mass**

Refreshments to follow



**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

**Friday Evening Bible Study:** Please join us for Bible Study **every Friday** from **7:00-8:30pm** in the Neumann Room (room entrance is from the outside on the backside of the church). Our group gathers to reflect on the readings and the Psalm for the upcoming Sunday. Bible Study resumed on January 8, we look forward to seeing you each Friday moving forward.

**Food and Fellowship Dinner:** Each 2nd Sunday of the month **after the 6:30 PM Mass** we walk over to Con Murphy's (1700 Benjamin Franklin Parkway) to enjoy dinner over laughs and conversation. Join us for our next dinner - **Sunday, March 13.**

**GAME NIGHT ROUND 2:** We will be hosting another Board Game Night on **Monday, March 14** from **6:30-8:30pm** in the Neumann Room. This will be an evening of friends, board games of all varieties, snacks and fun! We will have Board Games available but please bring a group game if you have one. We hope to see everyone there, the first game night was a blast!

As we prayerfully enter into the Lenten Season, we are excited to announce we will be hosting another **Night Fever** event on **Holy Thursday, March 24th beginning at 7:30pm with Mass and continuing until 10pm.** This is an event of prayer, music and reflective silence. All are welcome to attend and we are recruiting individuals who would like to help volunteer and coordinate aspects of the event. If you are interested in volunteering (specifically in street evangelization) please e-mail us at the address below.

If you are interested in the Young Adults of the Cathedral Parish as well as receiving the most up-to-date information on our group's events please e-mail [youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com](mailto:youngadults.cathedral@gmail.com). Please search for our Facebook page (search: Young Adults at the Cathedral).

**PARISH LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

**DAILY MASS** at 7:15 AM and 12:05 PM in the Chapel

**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION IN THE BASILICA**

On Sundays at 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:30 PM

On Weekdays at 11:30 AM and additionally on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

On Saturdays at 4:15 PM

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS**

On Fridays immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass and at 7:00 PM in Spanish in the Chapel

*Everyone is encouraged during Lent to fast voluntarily throughout the forty days, to participate in Operation Rice Bowl, to read the Sacred Scriptures, and to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.*



## PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

### *New Parishioners*

Welcome to the Cathedral Parish!

Please contact the Parish Office for parish registration. One of our parish priests will follow up to register you in the parish. You may also see one of the priests after Mass on Sunday to register.

### *Parishioners*

If you have new contact information, please call the Parish Office so that our records can be updated. **If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes**, again please call the Parish Office to insure your address is registered correctly.

*Parish Office phone number is 215-561-1313.*

## ***"COME AND SEE"***

**April 15 - April 17, 2016**

A weekend for Hispanic young men of high school age or older to experience life at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and to learn to discern a vocation.

The weekend will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday with a meal and an informational session for parents on the diocesan priesthood. The weekend will conclude at 12:00 PM on Sunday.

It is necessary to register for this event ahead of time. To register please call Fr. Viviano at (215) 743-2300 by April 8.

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## **SAINT MARIA GORETTI HIGH SCHOOL PHILADELPHIA, BABY BOOMER CLASS OF 1964**

We are looking for former classmates to celebrate our 70th Birthday on October 16, 2016 at Popi's Italian Restaurant. Please contact Denise at 267-234-1064 for additional information.

## ***LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW***

### ***Double Standards***

The philosopher Bertrand Russell, who prided himself on his atheism, once spoke of two kinds of morality that seem to exist in contemporary life—one that we preach but fail to practice, and another that we do practice but hardly ever preach. Jesus, by contrast, never allowed such double thinking. In today's Gospel, the crowd publicly humiliates the woman caught in adultery and is ready to stone her to death. Stoning was prescribed in many ancient cultures, mostly for sexual and religious sins. Jesus takes another track entirely. He does not question the woman's guilt, but rather exposes the hidden guilt in the hearts of the people who were so ready to harm her. Not only were they ashamed of themselves, they could no longer look down on the woman as "the guilty one" from their position of supposed superiority. We may never be tempted to do actual violence to another person, but the question we have to ask is whom do we sit in judgment on? A family member who is an alcoholic? A woman who has had an abortion? An immigrant who may be here illegally? Or worse yet, do we condemn in our hearts whole groups of people: another race, another religion, another political party, a different income bracket? Are we sure that everyone who has committed a crime deserves punishment? Most of us can keep our own sins hidden away, but they follow us like a dark shadow, doing all kinds of damage to us, to our relationships, and to our dealings with the world around us. There are two things that we can do: unload all our guilt and sense of disapproval on God in confession, and then make a serious effort to understand how much more we are like other people than different from them. That will lighten us up.

### ***Living Stewardship Now***

Get acquainted with difference. Volunteer to teach English as a second language; sign up to help build a Habitat for Humanity house for a poor working family; write letters through Amnesty International on behalf of the unjustly imprisoned; make friends with a parish family who comes from another country.

### **Basilica Tours**



A guided tour of the Basilica is available **after the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass**. Please meet in front of the Side Altar of the Sacred Heart, which is located to the right of the Main Altar.

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